



# Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE  
And Kirkby Fleetham CE  
Primary Schools  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

A place where the beliefs and practices of the Christian faith underpin the social, moral, spiritual, cultural and physical wellbeing of every individual.



## Posada

Today we have celebrated the first day of advent in school, and talked about the significance of this special time as a preparation for Christmas.

This year we will have a Posada in both schools. A Posada is a travelling nativity set that visits homes in the evenings running up to Christmas. At **East Cowton** we will be involved in the village Posada as usual. If the posada visits your home it would be lovely if you would share a photo with us by emailing it to us at [admin@eastcowton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@eastcowton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

At **Kirkby Fleetham** we will be introducing a travelling crib. Each evening a different infant child will take the small nativity set home to share with their family and to retell the Christmas story. In the posada box will be a candle and a prayer which we hope you will feel able to say together as a family. To mark the journey of Mary and Joseph around our school families, we would be grateful if you could take a photo of the set in your home each night and email it to the school admin address, [admin@kirkbyfleetham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kirkbyfleetham.n-yorks.sch.uk). Don't forget to bring it in the next day so that the journey can continue.



Congratulations to all of our pupils who took part in the sum dog competition this week. The competition is now closed, though you can still practice your maths skills on the website. Of the 210 classes and 2353 children who took part we have had some real maths superstars. We had a number of children who finished in the top 50; Malaykah was the highest scorer

in the federation coming 7<sup>th</sup> overall, Owen V came 10<sup>th</sup>, Abby T was 13<sup>th</sup>, Lily T was 34<sup>th</sup>, Jack B was 38<sup>th</sup> and Leo F was 47<sup>th</sup>. Each class also scored highly, Class 1 at KF were 12<sup>th</sup>, Class 2 at EC were 18<sup>th</sup>, Class 2 at KF 19<sup>th</sup> and class 1 at EC were 34<sup>th</sup> - not bad out of 210! This has been a super way to encourage enthusiasm for maths.

**PE Kit** When children have indoor gymnastics lessons (Monday at KF and Wednesday at EC) they need to wear their school PE kit as described on our website. Now that the weather is colder they need warmer clothes for outdoor PE (Tuesday at EC and Wednesday at KF). Children may wear jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt over their PE kits to keep them warm. It is essential that they have suitable **outdoor trainers** to wear for these lessons. If you have any trainers that your children have outgrown that are in good enough condition for us to use as spares they would be very gratefully received.



**Letters** Your child will be bringing home several letters this evening, including information about school closure in the event of **severe weather**, and information about **tickets for the Christmas plays**. These letters will also be available on our school website by the end of the day.

## Governor Report to Parents:



Be Safe



Be Responsible



Be Respectful

A Message from Governor Mike Ingram

On the 27<sup>th</sup> November I visited Kirkby Fleetham school in my capacity as Governor, responsible for behaviour across the Federation. I met with Mrs Dudman in order to understand the impact of recent staff training (Compass Buzz) and changes to the school behaviour policy.

Meeting with a mixed year group of children it was outstanding to hear the children not only recite the "three bees" school rules but also describe their meaning. Unanimously they considered school a safe place in which to learn. I am confident that pupil behaviour is well managed within the Federation, underpinned by appropriate policies supporting child development.

## NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

**Class 1:** Serenity for all her effort in her work at school and at home

**Class 2:** Charles for his excellent warm up for the whole class in gymnastics

**Listening cup:** Ellie H

**Achievement shield:** Eloise

**Caring bear:** Daniel S

**Headteacher's award:** Laura and Max

### House Points News

<b>Richmond</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>William R</b>
<b>Middleham</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>Abby</b>
<b>Bolton</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>Ellie D</b>

### East Cowton News

**Parent worship** Next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December the children attending drama club will be giving a performance of the Emperor's New Clothes at Worship. Parents are advised that worship will start 5 minutes earlier than usual.

**Christmas production** Preparations are underway for this year's production. Parents are asked to check book bags for a note sent a note home with children today asking for help with costumes.

**Friends Christmas wreath making event** There are limited numbers of tickets remaining in the school office for the event that takes place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Tickets are £15 and include delicious mince pies and mulled wine.

### East Cowton Diary Dates

Tue 5 Dec - Flu immunisation

- Friends wreath making evening 7-9pm

Wed 13 Dec - Christmas Carols Beeswing Pub  
Dress rehearsal

Thur 14 Dec Christmas Pantomime 2pm, 6pm

Weds 20 Dec- Christmas dinner

Thur 21 Dec- Christingle service 2pm

Fri 22 Dec - Break up for Christmas holidays

Mon 8 Jan - Training day

Tue 9 Jan - School opens for the spring term

Fri 12 Jan - small schools swimming gala

Wed 31 Jan - Friends meeting

Fri 2 Feb - NSPCC number day  
Beetle Drive

Fri 9 Feb - Break up for half term

21-23 Feb - Y5/6 Robinwood residential

Sat 10 March - Friends town Hall event

Fri 16 March - Chocolate Bingo

## NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

### Stars of the Week:

**All of Reception:** enthusiastic writing!

**George:** effort in English

**Leo K:** Amazing writing about 'Wonder'

**Frankie:** Exceptional progress in reading and writing

**Lily:** Outstanding effort and progress in all subjects

### House Points News

<b>Richmond</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Total for the year 249</b>
<b>Middleham</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Total for the year 325</b>
<b>Bolton</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Total for the year 294</b>

### Kirkby Fleetham News

#### Out of school club

Unfortunately, due to the darker nights there will be no more multi skills with Mr Meacher after school on a Wednesday. If your child is booked in next week please feel free to collect at 3.30pm although After school club will be running. Thank you.

#### Class 1 maths challenge



This week class 1 tackled an important mathematical division challenge - how can we share out the Smarties equally? Everyone paid close attention and worked out that they could not divide the 15 children into 4 but could into 3 groups.

Then they counted how many Smarties were in the tubes. They discovered that 30 Smarties could be shared between 5 children so that they each got 6. After all that hard work, they had deserved their Smarties!

### Kirkby Fleetham Diary Dates

Tues 5 Dec - Flu immunisation (Reception-year 4)

Wed 13 Dec - Christmas lunch

Fri 15 Dec - 2pm, 6pm Christmas play

Wed 20 Dec - Christingle service 6pm

Fri 22 Dec - Break up for Christmas holidays

Mon 8 Jan - Training day

Tue 9 Jan - School opens for the spring term

Fri 12 Jan - small schools swimming gala

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan - Friends meeting

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb - NSPCC number day

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb - Break up for half term

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